



H.R. 3889 – TO AMEND TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE, TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO CONDUCT A LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE SECRETARY

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 3889 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative John Boozman (R-AR) on October 18, 2007. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs agreed to the bill, as amended, by voice vote on April 30, 2008.

H.R. 3889 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 20, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.R. 3889 directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study of participants in the Veterans Affairs vocational rehabilitation program. This study would examine groups of participants over five years and require the Secretary to submit an annual report over the next twenty years no later than July 1 starting in 2009. The report would detail information such as the number of months that participating veterans served in active duty, the types of veterans affairs and unemployment benefits they receive, and their level of education.

BACKGROUND

The Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation provides the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with information and counsel on the rehabilitation needs of disabled veterans, including the vocational and occupational rehabilitation of veterans after active duty service.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committees provides guidance and information on a wide range of programs that provide benefits and services to veterans. Many of the Veterans Affairs advisory committees have been mandated by Congressional legislation. These committees cover veterans' issues areas such as education, health, families of veterans, as well as vocation.

[Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee homepage](#)

COST

The Congressional Budget Office "estimates that designing the study and the survey instruments and implementing the study would cost about \$350,000 in 2009 and \$1 million over the 2009-2013 period."

[Full CBO cost estimate for H.R. 3889](#)

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